

## Pursuing Affordability Through Grants

# Los Osos Wastewater Project

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### County Efforts for Federal Grants

**Question:**

Has the County shown any success in their efforts to obtain Federal Grants?

**Answer:**

Yes. After traveling to Washington D.C. to express the needs for Los Osos, Congresswoman Lois Capps hosted Congressman Peter Visclosky (Indiana), who is the Chairman of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives, during a tour of Los Osos on April 12, 2007. The following week the House of Representatives approved HR 1495 which authorized \$35 million for Los Osos—the first step required before an appropriation (actual money) can be approved in the Federal budget. We appreciate the efforts of Congresswoman Capps, who was supported in a bipartisan manner through a positive voting from Congressman Kevin McCarthy (who also represents portions of San Luis Obispo County). The county will continue working with Congresswoman Capps and other Congressional representatives while the County continues pursuing Federal funding for Los Osos.

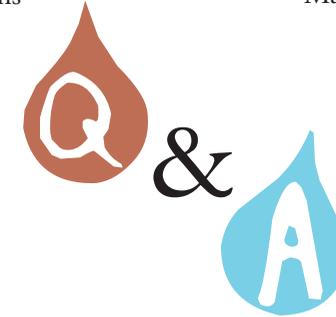
### County Efforts for State Grants

**Question:**

Has the County shown any success in their efforts to obtain State Grants?

**Answer:**

Yes. The County has recently obtained support from Coastal Counties and other agencies in pursuing State funding from the State Water Board. The Integrated Regional Water Management grants that were approved through Prop 50 by California voters were part of hearings conducted by the State Water Board in February and March 2007. In the February hearing, County staff and Supervisor Bruce Gibson presented the County's efforts to develop a solution for the Los Osos Wastewater Project. At that time, the State Water Board deferred their action to their March hearing. Between February and March, the County obtained support for their efforts from the other Coastal agencies which contributed to the State Water Board decision in March to approve actions different from their staff's original recommendations. The State Water Board approved actions and comments clearly recognizing the needs of Los Osos and their support of County efforts while putting the County in a very competitive position to obtain grants if the Los Osos Prop 218 vote this Fall is successful.



**\*Questions submitted to us by concerned friends and neighbors in the community.**

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# Pursuing Federal Grants

Numerous organizations have sent in letters of support for federal funding.

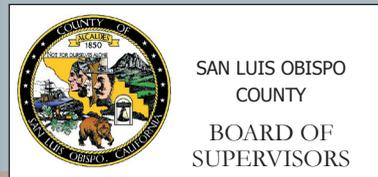


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(In photo left to right: Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee, Supervisor Bruce Gibson, Congresswoman Lois Capps, and Congressman Peter Visclosky)



On behalf of the Community, the County of San Luis Obispo appreciates support from other public agencies and organizations in our efforts to obtain grants for Los Osos.



Is your organization supporting efforts to obtain State and Federal grants for Los Osos?

Call John Diodati: (805) 788-2832 for more information on providing letters of support, or if you would like a County representative to make a presentation to your organization or association on the County's wastewater project efforts.

# Pursuing State Grants

Numerous public agencies on the Central Coast support Los Osos grant efforts.

